

**PRISONER
IS SET FREE****"Not Guilty" Verdict in Wind-
sor Co. Murder Case****JURY OUT FOURTEEN HOURS**

Pompilia Iacobucci Was Charged with
Murdering Domenica Schittini for
His Money at Wilder Late
Last Summer.

Woodstock, Feb. 15.—After being out fourteen hours, the jury which has been hearing the evidence in the trial of Pompilia Iacobucci, charged with the murder of Domenica Schittini at Wilder last fall, to-day returned a verdict of not guilty in Windsor county court. Thereupon, the respondent was discharged. The case was given to the jury last evening at 5:30, following a day given over to arguments, which were listened to with great attention by a crowd which jammed the courtroom.

In opening the argument for the state, State's Attorney Homer A. Skeels said that on August 28, last, Schittini was at White River Junction and the respondent was also there; that on November 17, a skeleton was found at Wilder which was identified by clothing, hair and a watch to be that of Schittini. Cuts on the skull and shoulder bones showed the cause of death, declared the state's attorney. He also declared that Schittini always had money and that Iacobucci had always been on the verge of poverty before August 28 and that thereafter he had had plenty of money.

In defense of their client, B. E. Cole and R. J. Trainor declared that the skeleton had not been identified. They accounted for Iacobucci's away from the section because Schittini had shot at a man and Iacobucci feared he would be mixed up in the complaint and the law following the act of Schittini. They also declared there was conflicting evidence about Schittini's showing money on the Saturday morning before he disappeared. Mr. Trainor said that Italian kill for revenge but rarely for money. Mr. Trainor said that there was no evidence to disprove that some person in White River Junction or a tramp might have killed Schittini for his money. In closing, he declared that the circumstances surrounding his client were bad and his actions gave a bad appearance, but that no evidence had been put on to prove he killed Domenica Schittini on the night of August 28.

Attorney General John G. Sargent closed for the state, calling upon the jury to decide on facts, not sympathy. He said that Schittini was seen going toward Wilder with the respondent and was known to have money while Iacobucci had gone hungry. Schittini had not been seen since and the defendant had been flush with cash. Many conflicts and inaccuracies in the testimony offered by the defense were pointed out with the aid of the court reporter's notes, after which Judge Waterman gave the case to the jury.

**KILLED BY ACCIDENT
PLEA OF DEFENCE**

Counsel for Bulgarian, on Trial for Mur-
der, Say Weapon Accidentally Dis-
charged—Nalbadian, Frightened,
Stuffed Body in Trunk.

Salem, Mass., Feb. 15.—Killed by accident is the plea of the defense in the trial of Valen Nalbadian, the Bulgarian, on trial here on the charge of murdering Minas Monjian, whose body was found in a trunk in a Lynn lodging house a year ago last July. The counsel for the defense to-day made this statement. He said that Nalbadian bought two automatic revolvers and while showing one to a friend, the revolver accidentally discharged and Monjian was killed. Panic stricken, Nalbadian stuffed the body into a trunk and then fled to Bulgaria, where he was captured.

TRIAL RESUMED

In Case of Frank J. Gardner, Charged
with Attempted Bribery.

New York, Feb. 15.—With six jurors in the box when court opened, the work of completing the jury to try former State Senator Frank J. Gardner was continued to-day in supreme court. Gardner is accused of having, in 1908, vainly attempted to bribe Otto G. Folkner, then a state senator and now a member of Congress, to vote against the anti-racket legislation which was then pending at Albany. It was the vote of Folkner that carried the Hart-Agnew anti-betting measures in the Senate.

SHOOT OLD ENEMY IN JAW.

Elias Monseur of Lawrence Sought by
Police of Three States.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 15.—The police of three states are searching for Elias Monseur, who yesterday fired four shots from a revolver at Shapley Said. Both are residents of Valley street and, according to the police, old enemies.

NEWPORT DEATH MYSTERY.

Inquest to Be Held Over the Body of
Commander Frank Marble.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 15.—Because of certain mysterious circumstances attending the death yesterday in the naval hospital of Commander Frank Marble, U. S. N., an inquest has been ordered.

NOTED PROFESSOR DEAD.

Dr. Edward Hitchcock, One of Country's
Leading Authorities in Hygiene.

Amherst, Mass., Feb. 15.—Dr. Edward Hitchcock, professor of hygiene and physical education in Harvard, died here to-day, aged 83 years. He was recognized as one of the country's leading authorities on matters of hygiene.

MAN IS MISSING.

Peculiar Circumstances About George
Gardner's Going.

Springfield, Feb. 15.—George Gardner disappeared from his home here Sunday under peculiar circumstances, but the facts were not made public until Monday night.

He was employed as janitor at the high school building, and as was the custom, on Sunday morning he went to bank the fires and prepare the rooms for the sessions Monday morning. He then called at the home of Lund Barney on Main street, and told him that his child was ill and that he should not be able to attend the fires again that day, and asked Mr. Barney, who was a former janitor at the schoolhouse, to do the work for him. Mr. Barney agreed, and the man left the house.

All sorts of rumors are afloat, and it is said that there are certain reasons that cannot be made public at this writing. He is about 40 years of age, has a wife and five small children, who are in almost destitute circumstances. He had about \$10 in his pockets when he left home, having drawn his weekly wages Saturday evening.

Mr. Gardner has two sisters, one living in Weathersfield and one residing in Windsor.

Lawyer Fred C. Davis of this town reports that he saw Mr. Gardner in Charlestown, N. H., Sunday afternoon, carrying a small handbag and with a fur coat on his arm. No clue has been found, but measures will be taken at once to trace the missing man.

**LENEVE GIRL SOUGHT,
BUT ALL IN VAIN**

On Cable Advice from London Steamer
Royal Edward Was Searched at Hal-
fax, N. S., To-day, But Crip-
pen's Former Companion
Was Not There.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15.—Following cable instructions from the London authorities, which were received yesterday, immigration officials and local detectives boarded the steamer Royal Edward, from Bristol, England, when she docked here to-day, and an unsuccessful search was made for Ethel Clare Leneve, who was the companion of Dr. Hawley Crippen when he fled to this country and who was executed last December for the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, an actress.

All the women on board the Royal Edward were scrutinized before the officials became convinced that Miss Leneve was not among the number. Among the passengers were one hundred English, Scotch and Irish maidens, who were bound for the Canadian Northwest in search of husbands.

**SERVIAN KING IS
NOW IN ROME**

Fears for His Safety and Safety of King
Victor Caused Every Precaution
to Be Taken To-day.

Rome, Feb. 15.—King Peter of Servia, accompanied by the Serbian foreign minister, M. Milovanovic, and a numerous suite, arrived here to-day, to be the guest for four days of King Victor Emmanuel at the quibral. This is the first visit of King Peter to Italy since his partisans secured for him the throne of Servia by the massacre of King Alexander and Queen Draga. The Serbian monarch was received with military honors. Rumors had been current of a conspiracy to assassinate both sovereigns to-day, and every precaution was taken to insure their safety.

DENIED AT HOME.

That English Government Encouraged
Reciprocity Agreement.

London, Feb. 15.—The American-Canadian reciprocity agreement came to the fore in the House of Commons again to-day. The government was questioned regarding the statement attributed to Henry Bonassa, nationalist leader in the legislature at Quebec, to the effect that the home government had encouraged the Canadian government to conclude a reciprocal trade understanding with the United States. Premier Asquith replied: "The statement is entirely without foundation."

The premier also denied that Ambassador Bryce was engaged actively in helping to bring about the agreement.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OVER SHIP.

Thirteen Years To-day Since Maine Was
Destroyed—Cuba Shared Ceremony.

Havana, Feb. 15.—Final memorial services to be held over the wreck of the Maine were conducted by Havana camp, United Spanish War Veterans, to-day, the thirteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship. It was the first time Cuba had shared officially in the anniversary ceremony. Vice President Zayas made the principal address and representatives of the Cuban army and navy were present. At the sun, the stars and stripes were hoisted at half mast on the mast of the wrecked Maine.

WITHDRAWS APPEAL.

Mylius, The Liberator's Agent, Who Re-
ported King's Morganatic Alliance.

London, Feb. 15.—Edward P. Mylius, the London agent of the Paris Liberator, withdrew the appeal which he entered following his conviction for sedition libel in having circulated the report that King George, while a cadet, had formed a morganatic marriage alliance with the daughter of Admiral Sir Culme Seymour.

POPE HAS INFLUENZA.

Remained in Bed To-day and Audiences
Were Suspended.

Rome, Feb. 15.—The pope is ill with influenza and at the direction of his physician remained in bed to-day. This morning his highest mass, a slight temperature and as a precautionary measure, audiences were suspended for the day.

**13 BIDDERS
ON BARRE JOB****Lowest Bid On Federal Build-
ing Was \$76,071****BY A PHILADELPHIA MAN**

He Is M. P. Wells, and at Least Three
Barre Firms Submitted Bids to Him
on Barre Granite to Be Used
in Construction.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—There were thirteen bidders for the contract to construct the federal building at Barre, Vt., according to the bids opened yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of the supervising architect in the treasury department. The lowest bidder was M. P. Wells of Philadelphia.

The Wells bid and the three next in order were as follows:—
M. P. Wells, Philadelphia, \$75,071.
Smith Construction Co., New York, \$76,300.
Connors Bros. Co., Lowell, Mass., \$76,400.
West Chester Engineering Co., New York, \$76,900.

The highest bidder of the thirteen was Charles H. Peckworth of New York, whose bid was \$85,480. The specifications were to cover the entire cost of the building. The time for completion of the work was April 1, 1912.

Three Barre granite firms, at least, furnished bids to M. P. Wells, the lowest bidder, for Barre granite to be used in the construction, which leads to the hope that the local product is to be used. The three firms were Jones Bros. Co., Barclay Bros. and Prebrey-Coykendall. The above special dispatch from The Times' Washington correspondent is the only information which has come to this city up to this afternoon regarding the result of the bids.

**WEALTHY FARMER
MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT**

Jeremiah Shaffer, Aged 60 Years, Killed
To-day in Somerset, Pa.—Bullet
Entered Back of Head—No
Clew.

Somerset, Pa., Feb. 15.—Jeremiah Shaffer, aged 60 years, one of the wealthiest farmers in the vicinity, was mysteriously shot and killed here to-day. The bullet entered the back of his head. There is no clew to the murderer.

TEN FINED FOR GAMBLING.

Result of Early Morning Raid in Han-
over, N. H., Last Sunday.

Lebanon, N. H., Feb. 15.—Ten prominent men of Hanover, two of them Dartmouth students, who were arrested by High Sheriff Claude M. Murray of Canaan, assisted by seven deputies, in the early morning gambling raid in that town at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, were before Judge Plummer, in the superior court here yesterday afternoon on an information filed by Grafton county solicitor, Fred S. Wright of Woodsville. Fines aggregating \$800 besides costs were imposed.

Freeman J. Ward, aged 65 years, was fined \$75 and costs. Ralph H. Hoyt and Kendall P. Foster, the young students, were fined each \$25 and costs. Cecil P. Dodge, who ran the place, said to be from Lowell, was fined \$100 and costs. Charles H. Bergeron, Martin P. Casey, Jesse C. Morse, Roland L. Lewiston and John Cason, ranging in ages from 28 to 40 years, were each fined \$50 and costs.

D. W. Wilson was the only one to plead not guilty, who he afterward retracted, being fined \$75 costs.

RESCINDED ACTION.

Brattleboro Citizens Withdraw Appropria-
tion of \$15,000.

Brattleboro, Feb. 15.—At the special town meeting last evening, attended by more than 1,000, action was taken whereby the town rescinded its vote last September, when \$15,000 was appropriated toward the abolition of the Bridge street grade crossing.

This action is taken because of the recent activity of the Boston & Maine in completing its survey for a new line from South Vermont, Vt., to Brattleboro by way of Hinsdale, N. H., on the east side of the Connecticut river.

In the matter of suits for back taxes instituted last week by the selectmen against the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company to recover it was voted to suspend litigation, and a resolution to the effect that the sentiment of the voters is against prosecution of the suit was adopted.

MASTER MASONS' LODGE.

Degrees Conferred in 12th District with
Caspian Lodge.

Hardwick, Feb. 15.—The annual meeting of the 12th Masonic district was held here yesterday with Caspian Lake lodge, 87. A lodge of Master Masons was opened by Caspian Lake. A social hour was followed by a banquet served by the ladies of Riverside chapter, 32. O. E. S. Then came labor on the Master Mason degree and the reception of grand lodge officers. Moose River lodge conferred the Master Mason degree and the closing was by Caspian Lake lodge. The lodges in the district are Passumpsit, 27; St. Johnsbury, Crescent, 61; Lyndonville, Moose River, 82; Concord; Caspian Lake, 87; Ardwick; Washburn, 62; Danville; Calais, 98; West Burke.

Labor Men's Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of organized labor and sympathizers will be held in police hall, Nichols block, this evening, Feb. 15, at 7 o'clock. James Murch, secretary Central labor union.

W. C. COLTON PRESIDENT.

Montpelier Board of Trade Held Annual
Meeting Last Night.

The Montpelier board of trade held its annual meeting last night, which was largely attended. Reports read proved both interesting and encouraging. J. A. DeBoer, who was made president of the organization when it was started, two years ago, and had held the office since, declined to serve again this year on account of other business he had to attend to, and in his address referred to the work of the board for the two years.

Asked to reconsider his withdrawal, Mr. DeBoer insisted that it would be impossible for him to continue as president, after which a motion was carried, thanking Mr. DeBoer for his efficient work during the time he held the office. An election of officers resulted as follows: President, Willard C. Colton; vice president, A. D. Farwell; secretary, Fred E. Gleason; treasurer, James H. Keller; board of directors, J. A. DeBoer, James M. Boutwell, George Blanchard, A. J. Sibley and L. D. Taft.

The matter of appropriating a sum for the gratuity fund being secured by the finance committee of the board, a motion was left to the board of directors. Secretary Gleason reported that five members of the board of trade have died during the past year, fourteen have removed from town, sixteen have resigned, thirty were dropped because of unpaid dues, and 49 new members were added, making the present membership 357. All bills are paid and there is a balance of \$6.50 in the treasury, besides a special fund of \$100. Mr. Gleason called to mind some of the needs of the city, which the board of trade may find necessary to push, including the laying out of a modern sewer system and the improving of sidewalks in various parts of the city.

CONVICTED OF BURGLARY.

Patrick McGowan Stole Two Sacks of
Flour With Another Man.

Burlington, Feb. 15.—Patrick McGowan was convicted in Chittenden county court yesterday afternoon of stealing, in company with another man at present at large, two sacks of flour from the Spaulding & Kimball warehouse on the night of January 25. Officer William Hanlon discovered Eugene Maple and McGowan at the corner of Battery and Maple streets on the night in question, each carrying a hundred pound sack of flour. He placed Maple under arrest and started for McGowan, who slipped and fell. Maple left his flour and escaped but McGowan was secured and taken to the police station. Later evidence was discovered showing that an entrance to the warehouse had been effected through a window.

McGowan said that he did not know where the flour came from and had nothing to do with the burglary. He said that Maple, an acquaintance, had asked him to go down to the warehouse and help carry away some flour.

TO SHOW QUINCY GRANITE.

Manufacturers Decide to Make an Ex-
hibit in Boston.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 15.—A meeting of the Granite Manufacturers' association was held Monday evening. There was some discussion on the different phases of the present labor situation and the manufacturers' committee that is adjusting the differences with the cutters' committee made a report of what had been accomplished thus far.

The question of applying for space in the Boston industrial exhibit to be held in Boston next October was also brought up. As this exhibit is to include all of the New England industries it seemed advisable that the Quincy granite industry should have an exhibit, and the general sentiment of the meeting was to that effect. President Murray will call a meeting of the executive committee at an early date to take steps to secure space.

DROPPED DEAD.

Samuel L. Lawrence of Rutland Was 81
Years Old.

Rutland, Feb. 15.—Samuel Lawrence, 81 years old, dropped dead at his home, 54 Williams street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He has been in a feeble condition for some time, although Monday morning he felt sufficiently well to carry a barrel of apples into the cellar.

Only last week Mr. Lawrence, who is a distributor of vegetables and dairy products, drove to Proctor and delivered a supply. He was born in Brandon, March 29, 1830, and had resided in Rutland for about 20 years. March 17, 1895, he was married in this city to Miss Fannie Gault of Castleton. Besides his wife he survived by two sons, Charles and William Lawrence, of Marlboro, N. Y.; two brothers, Charles of Philadelphia and James Lawrence of Hubbardston, and one sister, Mrs. O. S. Backus of Brandon.

The Death of Monuments in Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh "press" is calling the attention of the city beautification committee of the greater Pittsburgh association to the lack of public monuments in that city, and suggests that to supply such a need is quite consistent with its scope and purpose. It is also remarked that there is probably no city of any pretensions in the world which has fewer public statues than Pittsburgh. The production and distribution of coal and iron have been too absorbing in their demands upon the energies of its builders, to put it mildly, to permit of much attention to the higher necessities of a city. However, there is this consolation in the matter, while it is never too late to mend, the delay may mean a far higher average of art in its public monuments when results begin to follow the agitation of the subject. Many of our large cities have the problem to solve also.—Monumental News.

A Contentiousist.

The solemnity of the meeting was somewhat disturbed when the eloquent young theologian pictured in glowing words the selfishness of men who spent their evenings at the club, leaving their wives in loneliness at home.

"Think, my hearers," said he, "of a poor, neglected wife, all alone in the great dreary house, rocking the cradle of her sleeping baby with one foot and wiping away her tears with the other."—Tit-Bits.

The Rev. C. E. Van Shick, pastor of the Fairfax Baptist church, read his resignation from the request of her friends the same to take effect the latter part of March.

**35 WORKMEN
THROWN OUT****By Fire Which Destroyed
Granite Plant in Montpelier****TOTAL LOSS TODAY \$38,000**

Jellyman & Jones, or D. K. Lillie, Plant,
One of the Largest in Capital City,
Wiped Out—Cause of the Fire
Has Not Been Determined.

The Jellyman & Jones, better known as D. K. Lillie, granite plant at Montpelier, located between Barre street and the river, was entirely destroyed and a storehouse of the Denning Hardware company was slightly damaged by fire this morning, the total loss being \$38,000, with an insurance of \$32,500. The National Granite company's plant on the north and the Mills granite plant on the south were saved because of a heavy snow blanket on the roofs and through the hard light of the Montpelier fire department, which took a stand between the Jellyman & Jones and the National plant and headed off the flames, which were blown in the latter direction.

Thirty-five men were thrown out of employment by the fire, and it is not yet known whether the plant will be rebuilt. It was one of the largest in Montpelier, 222 feet in length and 65 in width, being a part of the old Sweeney Bros' dividend plant and added to by Mr. Lillie to the extent of 80 feet in length. It was formerly conducted by the Lillie company and was purchased last summer by Jellyman & Jones. The plant was equipped with two derricks, motors, air-compressing plant and polishing-mill.

The cause of the fire has not been determined; but the flames apparently started near the middle of the structure, where were located the blacksmith shop and boiler; and in that respect the fire was much like that which destroyed the National plant near by one night last week. The latter has since been rebuilt, and it was in considerable danger a second time last night.

When John Docherty telephoned the alarm to the police station at 1:15 and the police turned in a general alarm from box 15, corner of Main and East State streets, the flames had encompassed the entire building from end to end and that company of the city was sent up like day. Passengers on the midnight train out of Barre report that they saw no signs of fire about the place at 12:10, and still later passengers on a special electric car into Montpelier report the same, while a River street resident reports that he crossed the Granite street bridge, close by the Jellyman & Jones plant, and had hardly more than reached home when the alarm rang; yet he, too, saw nothing wrong when he passed by. Therefore, the cause remains a mystery.

But, however started, the fire burned with vigor, and the firemen could not prevent the destruction of the Jellyman & Jones plant, although they screened the National plant, located 20 feet away, so that it was saved. A hydrant is located on Barre street opposite the scene of the fire and the flames were turned on from that side and from the river side of the structure, the chief fight being in the latter part. Other firemen turned to saving property in the little annex which formed the office; the safe was rolled out, papers and plans were saved, and some of the furniture also. On the other side, meanwhile, firemen rolled the stored goods out of the warehouse, and nothing was lost, although the side of the building was charred.

The fire was under control at 2:30. During the height of the fire, the Central Vermont train for this city was held up by the lines of hose which were laid across the track, and the passengers turned out to watch the fight. When the situation became such that the hose could be temporarily removed without danger, the firemen cleared the track and the train pulled past. There was one Barre railroad car in the burned plant, loaded with rough stock, but neither it nor the stock was much damaged.

Jellyman & Jones carried \$26,500 insurance through the R. A. Sumner agency, and D. K. Lillie has \$6,000 more. The latter was conducting a small business in one part of the plant.

PITTABLE FLIGHT.

Burned Out and Then Arrested on Charge
of Intoxication.

Burlington, Feb. 15.—The basement and first floor of the Adams block on Bank street were gutted by fire yesterday afternoon, and the contents of the second and third floors were damaged by smoke from a fire which started in the basement where Mr. and Mrs. Bert Waterman were cooking some meat over a gas range. Later in the day both Mr. and Mrs. Waterman were arrested on charges of intoxication, after Mrs. Waterman had refused profers of hospitality by friends and Mr. Waterman had fallen down stairs, when trying to start a fire in the furnace against the advice of the police. Mrs. Waterman conducted a millinery store in the building and was one of the heavy losers.

Other losers are the Vermont Hardware company and the Burlington Hardware college. The alarm was not turned out until an explosion blew out the windows of the basement and the flames attracted the attention of persons on the street. The firemen arrived in less than a minute, but the flames had already worked into the partitions. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman were seated in the rear of their apartments and were not aware of anything wrong till the alarm rang. Both the millinery store and the business college were preparing to move into other quarters.

Soon after her arrest, friends of Mrs. Waterman became interested in her behalf and endeavored to get her out. Previous to her arrest, Mayor Burke had been considering plans for disposing of her case, and of the request of her friends the mayor made plans to obtain her release. The signers of the warrant

consented to this and a little after eight o'clock the mayor rode with her to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Conner on North Vermont State Library cared for during.

The woman is in a pitiable condition and as she carried a large insurance on her goods it is probable that a guardian will be appointed for the present to handle the money for her. During the ride up Church street, on route to North avenue, the hack which contained Mrs. Waterman was overturned and she was thrown out, but not injured.

MAY NOT PLAY TO-NIGHT.

Goddard and Spaulding Have a Differ-
ence of Opinion.

There is a possibility that the opening basketball game of the series between Goddard academy and Spaulding high school, which is scheduled for the Church street gymnasium this evening, may not be played, as a difference of opinion has arisen regarding eligibility of players. The point in question is the status of players who have played with independent teams and received compensation from such participation. Spaulding high school brought the matter before the Goddard people yesterday in a request for information regarding certain players, and as a satisfactory understanding was not reached it was left for Goddard teachers to communicate with E. B. Smith of Brattleboro, chairman of the athletic committee of the Vermont Schoolmasters' club.

Such communication was made this morning by telephone, but it also was of no definite result, as Mr. Smith said he was not prepared to express his opinion on the matter over the telephone and that, should he do so, it would not amount to a decision on the part of the Schoolmasters' club. Therefore, another conference between the local schools will be held late this afternoon to see if an agreement can be made, under which to-night's game shall be played.

AN ALIBI PRESENTED.

By E. Pinchetti's Lawyer in Case Charg-
ing Liquor Selling.

The case of State against E. Pinchetti, charged with selling, is being heard in city court to-day, State's Attorney J. Ward Carver prosecuting and M. M. Gordon defending. The state put on two witnesses this forenoon and then rested, and the defense had put on six witnesses and had more to be heard this afternoon, when the case was resumed at 1:30 o'clock. The two witnesses for the state were Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton, who made the raid at Pinchetti's Tuesday morning, and Walter J. Cave, who disclosed on Pinchetti in city court Tuesday morning.

Officer Slayton said that he seized eight bottles of ale, a jug of ale and several bottles of wine. Cave testified that he purchased a pint of whiskey at Pinchetti's house Monday forenoon and that he had bought liquor there on several occasions previous to Monday. The defense is attempting to prove an alibi, the testimony of the witnesses all being to the effect that Pinchetti and his family were not at home on Monday forenoon, when Cave claims he bought the liquor there. Pinchetti was one of the witnesses and he testified that he and his family were at the home of Archille Perolini on Monday forenoon, and no one was at his house at the time Cave claims he called at the house and purchased the liquor.

**THREATEN TO BOLT
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

Ministers in Northern Vermont Wax In-
dignant Over the Alleged Short-
comings of the Dominant
Party.

Richford, Feb. 15.—At the meeting of the St. Albans district Methodist association, which closed here last night, the Republican party was severely scored in a paper on "Ethical Aspects of Party Platforms" by Rev. F. B. Blodgett of Essex Junction. The twenty preachers present appeared to be unanimous in denunciation of the dominant party in the late Vermont legislature, and a spirited talk followed the paper of Rev. Mr. Blodgett. The direct prayer appeared to the ministers to be the best remedy to rid the people of their bosses.

Several of the ministers threatened to become Democrats if the platform of the dominant party should not present a more suitable condition in 1912.

MRS. WILLIAM LOWE

Died Yesterday Afternoon—Funeral Will
Be Held To-morrow.

Mrs. William Lowe died at her home on Berlin street at 1:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon of child birth. Mrs. Lowe was 45 years of age and was born in Kilduff, Ireland. Her maiden name was Katherine Carrigan. She had been a resident of Barre for the last 10 years. She leaves her husband and four young children; also two sisters in Lenox, Mass., and her father and mother, two sisters and three brothers in Ireland. The funeral will be held from St. Monica's church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

Is That of Barre for Deaths in Four-
teen Days.

Barre had a rather remarkable death record this month up to to-day. During the first fourteen days of February, the only death recorded was that of a still-born child, while only three or four cases of infectious diseases have been reported to the city health officer. These were of measles in light form. Two bodies have been brought in from out of town for burial in local cemeteries. Allowing that the city has 11,000 population, the freedom from deaths was remarkable, indeed.

Heating of McDonald vs. Place.

A hearing is being held to-day in the office of R. A. Hoar in the case of John W. McDonald, receiver, against Frank L. Place. The hearing is before H. Charles Royce of St. Albans as referee. Hoar and Wing appear for the plaintiff and S. H. Jackson and W. R. Austin of St. Albans for the defendant.

**HIGHER RATE
FOR WATER****For Stoneshed Polishing
Wheels and Air Compressors****LEVIED BY THE ALDERMEN**

The New Rates Will Increase the Reve-
nue Considerably—City Fathers In-
clined to Dispute Justice of Jos-
eph Long & Co.'s Claim.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen last evening the water committee made recommendations raising the water rates on polishing wheels and compressors, by which the city will receive an increase of revenue amounting to \$228. These recommendations were first presented by the committee last week and were referred back for further investigation. The committee recommended that the rate for polishing wheels be raised from \$8 to \$10 a year to a single rate of \$15 and that all compressors be raised from \$3 and \$10. In the air compressors alone, this will increase the water taxes \$225 a year. Or motion of Alderman Brown, the report and recommendations were accepted.

Joseph Long & company, the contractors who put in the Orange brook renovation, through their attorney, S. Hollister Jackson, notified the board that they were ready to give testimony on their claim against the city for a bill amounting to \$316.50 for extra work done on the reservoir. For putting in a temporary embankment and boarding it over to keep it from being washed away while work on the dam was suspended on account of the winter, the contractors claim that the city is liable for this bill, which covers those expenses.

Alderman Hoyt stated that the contractors put in the lumber for their own protection and now they wanted